

A RED-FRUITED FORM OF *PODOPHYLLUM PELTATUM*.—There is an unnamed form of *Podophyllum peltatum* L. growing wild in Indiana, on which Mr. Charles C. DEAM (*Flora of Indiana*, p. 476, 1940) reports as follows: "In 1927, I found a specimen that had a maroon-colored fruit in a wood on the Arthur Miller farm near Mauckport, Harrison County. I did not preserve the fruit but I moved the plant to our garden where it multiplied and in 1937 I succeeded in maturing four large fruits. These I sent to Dr. Edgar Anderson, of the Missouri Botanical Garden, for study."

In 1943, Mr. Deam sent some rhizomes of this peculiar form to the Montreal Botanical Garden. They were planted in the shade-garden, next to plants of the Himalayan pink-flowered *Podophyllum Emodi* Wall. Alongside, in the same bed, grows typical eastern American *Podophyllum peltatum* L., from the region of Montreal. The characteristic yellow fruit of the latter species has merited it the colloquial name "Citronnier" which, according to Michel SARRAZIN, the French settlers gave the plant about the year 1700.

The patch of the red-fruited form increases every year. Last fall, a dozen fruits were collected and offered to botanical gardens through our *Delectus Seminum et Sporarum*. The fruit is maroon from the start, while those of typical *Podophyllum peltatum* are green and turn yellow only when fully ripened.

This variation, which may be found in the whole area of *Podophyllum peltatum*, is striking enough to deserve a name. Hence, I propose to call it:

Podophyllum peltatum L., f. **Deamii**, n. f. *A typo differt fructu fusco-rubro*.—TYPE: In cultivation at the Montreal Botanical Garden under No. 755-43, from rhizomes collected near Mauckport, Harrison County, Indiana, by C. C. DEAM.

Dried specimens of the type material are deposited in the joint herbarium of the Université de Montréal and the Montreal Botanical Garden.

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